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1. The delegation of 19 German politicians who left Berlin for Moscow on 2 November 1948 to attend the celebration of the anniversary of the October Revolution included three representatives of the CDU: Otto Nuschke, Georg Dertinger, and Hans Paul Genter-Gilmans. Before their departure, the CDU members of the delegation obtained from the Russians a promise of interviews with important officials of the Soviet government. Nuschke had said he was unwilling to make the trip merely in order to increase the number of guests, and he was assured that he could talk with anyone he wished. He did not ask for an interview with Stalin or Molotov, but said he was anxious to discuss the future economic development of the Eastern Zone with Anastasi I. Mikoyan (Minister of Foreign Trade); he was assured that his request would be forwarded to Moscow at once.
2. Dertinger also hopes to meet Russian leaders on the level immediately below Molotov. It is his intention to persuade the Soviet authorities to withdraw the troops from the Russian Zone during the coming year, if necessary with the proviso that they will return if the Western Allies do not also withdraw their troops within a specified time limit. Such a move on the part of the Russians would have a tremendous effect on the attitude of the Germans in the western zones, especially since the French are expected to insist on terms in the "occupation statute" which will be unwelcome to the Germans. It would be a fatal error for the Anglo-Saxons, according to Dertinger, to believe that the Russian evacuation would fail to influence German opinion because of the simultaneous establishment of a Communist government which would be rejected by all other Germans. On the contrary, Dertinger thinks, the Russians would select personalities for the zonal regime who would command respect throughout Germany.
3. Dertinger recently proposed that Germany be neutralized as a buffer state by international agreement. The Russians are said to have shown great interest in this suggestion, and Dertinger believes that they will accept it. Leaders of the CDU (East) also think they can discern signs that the SMA is trying to improve relations between the CDU of the Eastern Zone and its counterparts in the West; among these signs is the approval granted to several CDU functionaries, including Nuschke and Dertinger, for trips to West Germany. Furthermore, Col. Gen. G.S. Lukyanchenko granted an interview about the middle of October to Dr. Helmut Brandt, chairman of the pro-Russian faction of the CDU in Berlin, in the course of which he expressed the hope that Brandt's name would not be "prematurely" discredited as a result of the current party debates. He said the Russians thought it desirable to extend the influence of men like Brandt, who, while

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they are not Communists, recognize the need for friendly relations between Germany and the Soviet Union. If a German government should be formed in which men of this type had a controlling influence, Lukyanchenko added, the Oder-Neisse line would lose much of its strategic significance and could perhaps be modified.

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Comment: For three years the Russians have gained support from certain Germans by dropping hints about a possible revision of the eastern boundary .)

4. Source remarks that the Russians are at present trying to guarantee that the German government will be dominated by men of the kind under discussion through the following measures:
- a. The efforts to put such persons into leading positions in the CDU and LDP. This policy was initiated about the end of 1947 with the elimination of Kaiser and Lemmer from the Executive Committee of the CDU, and is not yet completed in the case of the LDP. the LDP is of little importance anyway, in view of the "far-reaching evidences of disintegration" of the party.) 25X1X
 - b. The purge campaign in the SED. This represents an attempt to make sure in advance of the steadfastness of the one German party which shares the Russian ideology.
 - c. The formation of the new paramilitary police troops.

CDU leaders urge that the Western Powers anticipate Russian propaganda moves by adopting a suggestion ascribed to the Daily Express (London): that the armies of the Western Allies be withdrawn to the Rhine and that it be asserted that this partial evacuation cannot be made complete so long as troops of the Soviet-controlled bloc (whether Russian or Polish) are withdrawn only to the Oder and the Neisse.

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Comment: These opinions are transmitted as illustrative of the undying optimism, or capacity for self-deception, of the CDU leaders in the Soviet Zone.)

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